

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Media are vital to a nation, giving it the eyes and ears that keep it honest and reality-oriented. Extreme concentration could lead to poor judgment on the part of our leaders as well as the people as a whole. In this critical time, we need the eyes and ears of a diverse range of viewpoints. Already, cable internet access sites are restricting site access and censoring the text of sites that don't suit our current administration. This is not the job of media like cable internet access which should be impartial pipelines to the world outside our borders. We can't eliminate differences in point of view by pretending they don't exist.

Furthermore, the credibility of the Fourth Estate is essential to the people's confidence in democracy. This confidence underlies peace and stability for our nation during this critical time.

Please vote to protect diversity in cable ownership and all forms of media ownership.

Thank you.